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1. The reply filed on 12 April 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): See explanation below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Newly submitted claims 5 and 6 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Newly submitted claims 5 and 6 are directed to a method for real time measuring of print substrate bending stiffness. The originally filed claims were directed to a device, although the preamble recited a method, for pneumatically separating and feeding a sheet by corrugating the sheet and did not recite any method steps. Further, the original claims did not include any sensing of deformation of the sheet or control based on such sensing.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

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3. Since claims 5 and 6 have been withdrawn and no claims directed to the elected invention by original presentation as explained above remain in the application the amendment filed 12 April 2006 is non-responsive to the prior Office action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Bollinger whose telephone number is 571-272-6935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki, can be reached on 571-272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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